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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

**This letter supercedes the previous letter transmitting Madera County Transportation Commission's (MCTC) Amendment No. 7 dated April 21, 2006. Additions to that letter are shown in bold typeface, deletions are shown as strikeouts.**

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following amendment of MCTC 2004/05 - 2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP):

No.  
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Description  
**Local Element**

- Modifies funding for the Recreational Trails Program by programming \$560,000 (\$410,000 Recreational Trails, \$150,000 local match) for construction in Fiscal Year (FY) 2005/06 for the Ahwahnee Trail Project.
- Modifies funding for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) by deleting a City of Madera Dial-a-Ride project.

**Transit Element – Federal Transit Administration**

- Modifies funding for Section 5307 Operating Funds by programming \$10,000 (\$5,000 Section 5307 funds, \$5,000 local match) in FY 2005/06 for the City of Madera Intermodal Facility.
- Modifies funding for Section 5307 Capital Funds by programming \$180,000 (\$144,000 Section 5307 funds, \$36,000 local match) in FY 2005/06 for the purchase of two buses.
- Modifies funding for Section 5307 Capital Funds by programming \$40,000 (\$32,000 Section 5307 funds, 8,000 local match) in FY 2005/06 for an intermodal facility in Madera.
- Modifies funding for Section 5307 Capital Funds by programming \$139,000 (\$112,000 Section 5307 funds, \$28,000 local match) for the purchase of two buses.

Initially, this amendment request also included modifications for the State Route 99 Fairmead project. However, the submission of this project to the California Transportation Commission has been delayed. As a result, the Executive Director of MCTC submitted a written request that this project be removed from this amendment. **The project was included in the conformity analysis of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). This amendment does not reflect a change in the design concept and scope of the project or the conformity analysis years as assumed for the regional emissions analysis of the currently conforming RTP. This project did not receive comments at the noticed public hearing, and the removal of this project does not create adverse impacts to air quality conformity.**

**The updated programming for all other projects (Recreational Trails project and transit projects) have been found by MCTC to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed per 40 Code of Federal Regulations 93.126. Therefore, no further conformity determination is required. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by the California Department of Transportation through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.**  
~~The updated programming is for project types that have been found by MCTC to be exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination and/or regional emissions analysis be performed. Therefore, no further conformity determination is required. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by the California Department of Transportation through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.~~

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 7 for inclusion into California's 2004/05 - 2006/07 FSTIP. Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are shown for information only. Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute eligibility determination for the projects from this amendment that are funded from the CMAQ program.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. MCTC prepared this FTIP amendment under that process permitting citizens affected, local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray, of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,



ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor, EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosures)
- Patricia Taylor-Maley, Madera County Transportation Commission
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Penny Gray - Caltrans (w/enclosures)